

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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ILLINOIS STATE CAMP MEETING

The Illinois State Camp Meeting has come and gone. To say that it was a success would not be giving it justice for it was much more than any one had expected. Brother Tharp arrived on time and his messages were very interesting and inspiring. We had three services a day. The singing seemed to be extra good.

The meeting began with good interest which increased to the very last. There were about eight or ten in the altar the first service and I think there were forty in the altar the last service. No one knows how many were blessed during the meeting. We tried to keep count of those getting saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, but the crowd was so large and so many at the altar that it was hard to do. It was truly wonderful to be there and see both young and old come thru with shining faces. One man seventy-two years old received the Holy Ghost.

It was truly the greatest meeting that we have been in for some time. Some of the folks came and camped but because of the hard times many that would have come could not. The miners have had no work since March and money is very scarce but the Lord blessed us on this line and plenty was collected to meet all obligations.

A committee of five was appointed to arrange for a camp meeting in 1928. They were W. J. Milligan, G. M. Farmer, John O. Yates and J. L. Goins. These men are to cooperate with the pastor and churches and make the arrangements for a meeting next year. We are sure that the first camp meeting will not soon be forgotten. Those who failed to attend will never know what they have missed.

Practically all of the Illinois preachers were present during the meeting but very few of them stayed all thru the meeting. The Lord favored us with pleasant weather. The people of Eldorado seemed to do all they could to make it pleasant for those coming from a distance. We are looking forward to a greater time next year for we know that better arrangements can be made. We are well satisfied for this meeting to go down on the pages of history as the first Illinois camp meeting for we are sure that God set His approval on it. —M. W. Letsinger, State Overseer of Illinois.

GREAT OUTPOURING OF SPIRIT

ALARKA, N. C.—We have just closed a weeks revival at Deep Gap, Alarka, N. C. The outpouring of the Spirit was great, the Lord wonderfully blessed in giving out the Word. The devil was mad, but we were glad and it cannot be expressed in words the good that was done.

A brother fell in the altar without a call, was saved, sanctified and received the Holy Ghost. Two were reclaimed and four followed the Lord in water baptism. Two were added to the church which numbers twenty. The wife of the brother who fell in the altar, received the three blessings a few days before. Their baby was struck with death and was healed by the mighty power of God. The last day two more fell in the altar and we had a wonderful time. Praise the Lord for this great salvation and the outpouring of the Spirit in these last days.—Mary E. Thompson, clerk.

NEEDS PRAYER

ST. CHARLES, Va.—I praise the Lord for what He is to me. He saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost about eight years ago. Oh how I love Him. I praise Him for keeping me close by His side. I am also a member of the Church of God. It is the only Bible church and I thank God for ever leading me into the light, the Bible church.

We once had a church here, but we do not have one at present. I ask all the saints to pray that we may have a church here. I know the Lord is able to do all things. We have a tent to worship in. All praying people pray that God will have His way with each and every one of us.—Julia Tyree.

GLAD OF BEING IN GOD'S SERVICE

PRATT CITY, Ala.—We are praising God for victory thru the precious blood of Jesus and for the privilege we have of being in His service to stand for truth and right.

The dear Lord was with us when we began a revival at Empire, Ala., July 31st. It was truly wonderful how God blessed in every service and our hearts were made to rejoice when twenty-one were gloriously saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and quite a number were saved and sanctified. There was a blessed sister eighty-two years old who came thru shouting and speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. It was wonderful to behold the manifestation of the great power of God. Several messages were given for His children to be true and faithful as He is soon coming.

Monday night, August 1st we were invited to conduct a service in the Empire Theatre. Brother Haynes stretched his chart showing "The course of time from Adam to the full consummation" and preached one hour and a half. It was easy to tell them of Jesus and His love. We shall always remember the co-operation of the pastor, Brother Edmonds, and the dear ones there, the love that was manifested among God's people and the way our needs were supplied.

We expect to be in another battle soon and we desire your prayers that we will be soul winners for Jesus.—You, brother and sister, M. S. and Bertha Haynes, 710 2nd St.

HELP PRAY FOR THE WORK HERE

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—Dear Christians, far and near. Montgomery is a large place to live and also the Capital of Ala. is a pleasant place to live, but the Church of God is almost a stranger here. We have about ten or eleven members on our church record, of which near seven attends the services. The church has certainly been abused in Montgomery. This number has obtained courage through prayer and faith to try to build a church. We have bought a place one and a half blocks from the Capitol, thank the Lord. We need money for this purpose, also your prayers too. Please pray that God will give me victory in this work.

With my face turned toward heaven, I mean to see my Savior in peace thru the ceaseless ages of eternity. Will you meet me there?—M. J. Weatherington.

MISSION RE-OPENED

RADFORD, Va.—We had a twenty-two nights meeting with Brother Charlie Stewart in charge. About the first of May we re-opened our mission and opened fire on the devil. The Lord blessed from the beginning. Brother Stewart gave out the Word with power. The town was stirred. The devil got mad and began to try to hinder but the people began to come out. Soon the house was filled and many on the outside.

We have only a few members but every one seemed to be at his best for the Lord. Some of the Pulaski saints were with us a few nights and rendered good service, also some of the Newburn saints with their stringed music. It was excellent the way the Lord blessed. Many were under conviction, at times the spirit moved on the people with a holy quietness then at other times He moved in waves of glory. We do not know how many received definite experiences. There were three added to the Church, three baptized in water and many more looking this way. It was a seed sowing time. We feel sure of an abundant harvest in the near future.

We have preaching service on Sunday night and prayer meeting on Tuesday nights. The saints all love one another and love their pastor. We desire the prayers of the saints abroad for the blessings of the Lord on us and that the Church of God at Radford will stay humble at His blessed feet and gather many precious souls into the fold.—C. W. Ratcliff, clerk.

THE SPIRIT OF THE ANTICHRIST

The Mystery of Iniquity is Working

F. J. Lee, General Overseer.

Little children, it is the last time; and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time."

The true saints of God are addressed as "little children." We are to become as a little child in order to obtain God's special blessings.

The apostle is calling attention to the fact that the antichrist is to come but before his coming there shall be many antichrists. Notice, there is a distinction between the antichrist and antichrists.

Jesus stated to His disciples, "Many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many." Then He said in the same connection that they should hear of wars and rumors of wars, but the end is not yet. Paul said, "the mystery of iniquity doth already work." The margin in Scofield's Bible says, "The mystery of lawlessness doth already work." Paul is showing very conclusively that this mystery of lawlessness is the spirit of the antichrist. Also that the spirit that is in opposition to Christ is the spirit of the antichrist.

Paul to the Thessalonians refers to the antichrist as the "Man of sin."

"He opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God or that is worshipped." Listen to first John 2:22, "Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is an antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son." For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.—John 1:7.

While there are many individuals rising showing their opposition to Christ and His religion, there is also a real system in the world which is very evident the "mystery of iniquity" or as Scofield says, "Mystery of lawlessness."

Webster defines lawlessness as Anarchy. Anarchy is a state of society where there is no law or supreme power.

This Spirit is Developing

The spirit of the antichrist may be plainly seen today. It is so clearly demonstrated that you can almost see the antichrist lifting his head up.

Again I will ask what is the characteristics of the spirit of the antichrist? It is lawlessness and opposition to Christ.

What system of today has these characteristics? Answer, Bolshevism, sometimes referred to as the Soviets, Reds, Radical socialism or Anarchy.

Let us notice a statement found in Collier's New Encyclopedia, "Bolshevism is the avowed enemy of religion. Atheism is taught to the children. All church property has been confiscated and the clergy and all others connected with religious institutions have been disfranchised and deprived of the right to occupy public positions.

The Sunday school has been suppressed and all teaching of religious doctrines in public either in schools or institutions of any kind, is expressly forbidden. The recognition of a Supreme Being in judicial oaths has been prohibited."

This Bolshevism is not confined to Russia where it developed but is spreading to all the nations of the world. See how the world was stirred when two of their number were executed. One of them crying out to the very last "long live anarchy." The mystery of iniquity (lawlessness) is working. Some may think that the excitement about Sacco and Vanzetti will soon die away, but I am of opinion that the spirit that has been under cover so long and has recently been escaping to the surface to some degree will in the very near future come to the front with great boldness under their red flag striking terror to the little children of which John referred to, mentioned in our text.

Bolsheviki. "A name assumed by the radical section of the Russian socialists who following the down fall of Kerensky and the election of Lenin as premier, inaugurated a reign of terror which was characterized by wholesale murder and pillage and the confiscation of the property of the well-to-do. The name means 'majority faction' while the smaller and more moderate Socialists were called 'Men-

God's Banner Lifted In Shamrock

SHAMROCK, Tex.—I have thought for some time I would write a few lines to the Evangel family and express my appreciation for its weekly visit to our home. I have only been a subscriber for a short time but kind friends have passed the paper on to me for quite a while and it is like getting a letter from home.

Brother McClelland set a church in order here in March with only a few members but we're so glad for God's banner to be lifted in Shamrock. We are sure God's approval is on it and are expecting 1927 to count for God and His church at this place.

I am so glad for the straight way.

Another characteristic of the antichrist is that he is to strike terror to the inhabitants of this world. The Bolsheviks are referred to as the "reds" because of pillage, bloodshed, torture and mutilation. We will give another statement from Collier's Encyclopedia to show something of the terror they brought to the inhabitants of Russia in order to carry their point. "Peters himself, the former head of the All-Russian Extraordinary Commission, has admitted that in the one year from November 1918 to November 1919, 4444 executions took place through his order." This was the work of only one leader among them, but shows of what spirit they are.

Let us keep in mind that the spirit of the antichrist is oppositions to the true Christ accompanied with lawlessness. Satan is the author of this spirit. It began to work at the same time with the Spirit of the Lord and will finally manifest itself in the "Man of sin" (the antichrist). Many antichrists have arisen since Christ made the statement that they would, but today many great men in different nations are appearing on the scene. They almost appear to be supernatural because of their great feats and leadership. It is stated that a certain statesman of China who seemingly was about to revolutionize all of China because of his special ability, but finally died and today every one in that wing of China of which he had control rests in perfect silence fifteen minutes each day in honor of this great man. They have his picture in their homes in special honor to him.

India also had only recently her great man whom is destined, as they say to revolutionize the world.

Italy has also her great Mussolini who is attracting the world as a great leader with apparently almost supernatural power.

Are either of these great men the antichrist? No their history can be traced from their infancy to the present time. These are forerunners of the great antichrist who shall mysteriously appear on the scene as though he had been dropped from the sky or came from the mouth of a volcano.

We think there is no doubt according to Scripture that he will come forth from the dead and will be prompted and actuated by Satan, therefore shall be a supernatural being not capable of death, but shall be cast alive into the lake of fire.

Since this spirit is rapidly developing it behooves us to draw near unto the Lord and become thoroughly fortified in spirit for this momentous occasion.

CRAB ORCHARD, Tenn.—We had a letter from Brother M. D. Steelmon to come over to Pleasant Hill. We went over on July 31st and when we arrived we found some saints on fire for God. There had been a revival and I think about twenty found the Lord. Before the revival, the work had gone down and they were not having any services but the Lord surely did bless them in the meeting. I think there were about six members before the meeting.

We reorganized the church on Sunday night. Brother Dan Steelmon was elected as clerk and treasurer and Brother M. D. Steelmon was set forth as deacon. We had a real Pentecost shower that night. Fifteen joined the church and I think more will come in later. I want to say that they have a crowd of young folks over there who surely are on fire for God. We had a wonderful baptizing service Monday morning. Fourteen were baptized. I want to say for the future of Pleasant Hill church, that it looks promising.

W. T. Nelson, district pastor.

IN EVERYTHING BE TRUE

If you travel along life's pathway With a soul that's often tried, Keep on praying every day For Christ is always by your side.

If this old world seems to be cheating And taking things from you, Think of what other folks are needing And in everything be true.—Maudie P. Little (age 14 years), Trenton, Texas.

ARK. STATE CONVENTION

MARKED TREE, Ark.—The Ark. State Convention convened at Marked Tree, Ark. July 29th to 31st inclusive. Friday 10:00 a. m. songs, prayer and greetings. 10:30 convention opened. Several committees were appointed and at 11:00 a. m. the welcome address was delivered by W. R. Willingham. 11:30 response by C. E. Chambliss, J. A. McCullar and Brother Tharp of Fla. R. R. Martin preached on the subject "Sanctification and the Benefits Derived from it." Jesse Danehower, Overseer, also talked on same subject. Noon.

Friday 2:00 p. m. songs and prayer. 2:30 subject "Christian Fellowship" by S. S. Monroe. We surely felt the fellowship. 3:00 p. m. subject "The need of the Hour" by Jesse Danehower. 7:30 songs, prayer, praise and evangelistic service. Adjourned. Saturday 9:30 a. m. Songs and prayer. 10:00 a. m. subject "Second Coming of Jesus and the Importance of Being Ready." The Lord was wonderfully in our midst with power and glory. All call. Noon.

2:00 p. m. songs, prayer and praise. 2:30 subject "Redemption" by E. Taylor. 3:00 p. m. subject "Signs Following" by Brother John Morgan. 4:00 p. m. Brother Beasley of Tennessee, Brother Tharp of Florida and Overseer spoke on the Bible School. The people were stirred about the school. Brother Danehower showed as the importance of Arkansas sending at least one to school. This was favored by all. The question of who to send and who wanted to go was discussed. One boy and two girls came forward and said they wanted to go. About \$90.00 was pledged to send them and they will all be there, the Lord willing, with several others when we hope to encourage to go. Brother Morgan made the motion that the state of Arkansas endorse the Bible School in every way. It was unanimously agreed to.

7:30 p. m. songs and prayer by all. 8:00 p. m. subject delivered by R. R. Martin. Adjourned. Sunday 10:00 a. m. songs and prayers. 10:30 healing service. 11:00 a. m. subject "Divine Healing Provided for all in the Atonement" by C. E. Chambliss. 11:30 "The Bible Church and How to be a Loyal Member" by S. S. Monroe and R. R. Martin. R. R. Martin was ordained bishop. Noon.

Sunday 2:30 p. m. songs and prayer. 3:00 p. m. subject "The Bride at the Marriage." Every one was encouraged to be ready to attend. 4:00 p. m. songs and report of the committee on Better Government. It was suggested that all the ministers cooperate together with the overseer and that the pastors have conference with the overseer or district overseer if possible, every three months and that the clerk read the financial report at each conference, giving amount of tithes paid by each member. It was also suggested that the churches buy a piece of land for state camp meetings and that Nettleton, Ark. was a good place for several reasons. They recommended that every church in the state have a Sunday School Report of committee on questions and answers.

4:30 Brother Tharp spoke on "Camp Ground Interest." Adjourned. 7:30 songs, prayer. Healing service. Collection for Orphan's Home. There was an offering of \$10.25. 8:00 p. m. songs, handshakes, good-byes. The convention closed with everybody encouraged to do their best for God and His church—clerk for convention. M. A. McCullar.

Church Set In Order At Wolfcoal, Ky.

WOLFCOAL, Ky.—After visiting the saints at this place, and preaching the Church of God and its governments to them. Brother C. S. Dicker son and I went back on July 10th and set a church in order with eight members, and several more expected to come in next meeting time; many are looking toward the Church of God on Ky. River and we are expecting greater things from the Lord as we march steadily along this narrow way. Please pray for the work on this river; the most of the ministers here work through the week, then on Saturday night and Sunday they do what they can for the Lord.—J. C. Mooney, Christopher, Ky.

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WONDERFUL CAMP MEETING

LAWTON, Okla.—I come this beautiful morning with greetings in the name of our most high and holy God, the one who is able to do abundantly above what we ask of Him. Bless His good name, He is so precious to me. Having tasted of the Lord, I have found Him precious to me, yes more precious than gold. To this vain old world I have said good bye, yes one eternal good bye. I have my affections on things above and I mean to go thru.

I was privileged to attend a part of the Weatherford Camp Meeting and I am feeling good in my soul. It was a blessing to me and mine. How glad I am for the Church of God family, for her intelligence. Don't tell me that just the simple go this way. I want to say no, a thousand times no. To see the modest dress of the sisters and how they are honoring their head, remembering their glory (their hair) why it is beautiful to look on. Surely we like to pray too well to cut our hair. I surely appreciate the Texas brethren and sisters. When Brother Wood called for the churches to the front, it looked good to me. I want to say I longed to represent Oklahoma, for surely your God is our God and I will say now, "Hurrah for Oklahoma's God." We are small in number, but our God's greatness has never been found out.

I feel encouraged to delve into greater things. How wonderful it was to set at the feet of Brother Llewellyn, open your heart and receive the Word of God. My hungry soul was made fat. I do believe he is a wonderful man of God. May God bless and keep him.

I praise God for the message Brother Drake brought on "Trying the Spirits." Truly we should know the spirits in these last days. I believe I have seen children led astray by the spirit of divination. My understanding of that spirit was increased through the message. Brother and Sister Drake have gone thru a severe test. Their baby has been very sick. They need the prayers of all that know the value of prayer.

We were proud of our Oklahoma overseer, Brother Williams. He is a man of God and has been such blessing to us in Oklahoma. Not only has he been a blessing, but his good wife and sister, Miss Alva Mae McClure, have also been a great blessing to us. Their children are a blessing to our children. I long to see the time when the entire Church of God learns the lesson of ruling their children, having order in the home, yes in the house of God. I mean by the grace and help of God to do better by my children. I want to go to heaven and I want my children to go too.

We hope that Brother Williams will be sent back to Oklahoma next year. We want God pleased but some how I feel that God would be pleased to give him souls in Oklahoma. He has borne heavy burdens while with us but some of the burdens are being lifted. Through his struggling efforts and the cooperation of others, the indebtedness of the church is in a condition to be lifted. We are looking forward to the near future when our place of worship can be dedicated to the Church of God. We love Brother and Sister Williams and Sister McClure because they live clean holy lives and walk uprightly before their God.

I thank God for letting me attend this, my first, camp meeting. I want to render better service for my eternal King.—Mrs. M. B. Ward, 1005 Summit St.

NOTICES

There will be a home coming day at Wimauma September 11th. Everybody invited. Come and enjoy a feast from the Lord.—W. M. Rumier, pastor.

The Johnson City District Convention will convene at Jones Chapel, Greenville, Tenn., September 16-17-18 D. V. Our State Overseer is expected to be present and dedicate our new building. We will be glad to have all who can come from the different churches, especially those on the district. The pastors are expected to be present and give a report of their work. We will have all day meeting Sunday the 18th, and dinner on the ground.

Come! come! expecting a good time. Free entertainment will be furnished to all. For information write to J. H. Brabson, pastor, box 131 Greenville, Tenn.

The Circleville District Convention will convene at Lancaster, Ohio Sept. 15-18. Our State Overseer, E. Haynes and wife are expected to be present. All ministers and workers of this district are requested to attend this convention. We also extend a hearty welcome to those of other districts in the State. Come! come! one and all make this a feast for your soul.—R. E. Hamilton, District Pastor.

Our District Convention will convene at Williston Church of God, Saturday night before the second Sunday in September. Our State Overseer, J. A. Self will be in charge. We want all the churches on the district to be represented. If you can't come, write us a letter and let us hear from you.—W. A. Sullivan, District Overseer.

The Church of God at Bonne Terre, Mo., would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of G. F. Glenn, W. F. Jones, Dora Ellis.—A. J. Whitaker.

It is known that L. C. Riggs is no longer a member or exhorter in the Church of God at Mt. Airy, N. C.—Rosa New, clerk.

WIMAUMA CAMP MEETING

The State Camp Meeting will convene at Wimauma, Fla., September 29th October 9th. Everybody welcome. Begin now to arrange to attend this feast of good things from the hand of the Lord, don't fail to come if you can possibly get here. Come prayed up ready to help some one else to the Lord, if you are a sinner you come and get saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Don't forget the date. Tell your friends to come along with you, and let's have a big time in the Lord.

Now please notice this request, we would be glad for every member of the Church to bring or send in as much as \$1.00 for the big tabernacle debt. We are in great need of this money, so if you can come you bring it with you, and if you can't come don't fail to send your dollar. If every member would bring or send this amount it would be appreciated, and would help a great deal in paying the debt, so come on with this and let us lift this debt as soon as we can, borrow it if you haven't it. So let us see how many read the Evangel and love the Church of God. I believe this is a good way to test it out, you surely love the Church of God, if you do let us prove it, we know times are full but we believe we can raise a good portion of the indebtedness on the tabernacle this time. Come on and bring it with you to the camp meeting or send it to S. W. Wadsworth, Wimauma, Fla. We will look for you to be on hand at this meeting. Every one try to boost it. PLEASE, PLEASE DON'T NEGLECT THIS WORTHY MATTER. Let's go.—J. A. Self, State Overseer of Fla.

The railroads have granted us rates to the Assembly on condition that we can get the required number 250 to come by rail. We failed on this only about six last year. We are very anxious that we do not fail this time. I believe if the state overseers and pastors would take special interest in this we can get the number.

I am wondering if each church would not consider sending your pastor by rail. If you would do this, it would insure us 400 to say nothing of others that would come by rail.

I want to insist on the state overseers helping us out on this very important matter.

F. J. Lee.

REQUEST

Dear Church of God workers, I am sending a request for the healing of my husband. Please pray that God will heal both his soul and body. He is a believer in this way of holiness, but he is not saved. I trust that God will hear and answer prayers.—Mrs. Mollie Hunt.

We request prayer for the revival at the Church of God at Carson Springs. Pray for my family who are unsaved, especially my son and his wife.—Mrs. Elizabeth Barnes, New Port, Tenn.

K.Y. STATE CONVENTION

The annual state convention of the Churches of God in Kentucky was held at Ravenna, Ky., beginning Thursday night, June 23rd and lasting over Sunday the 26th.

The service opened Thursday 7:30 p. m. by songs and prayer with Scripture lesson by State Overseer, Psalms 103. After some remarks by the Overseer, the opening address was delivered by our local pastor, J. A. Muncy, subject, "Feel at Home." Leading thought, "Live in the Spirit and we are always at home together." Response by Brother J. C. Mooney, Christopher, Ky., Sister Amelia Shoemaker, Bowling Green, Ky., Brother Louis Larison, Clay City, Ky., and Frank Goodman, Ages, Ky. By the time the last speaker had finished we were all feeling very much at home for the glory of the Lord had filled the building where we were.

Friday, 9:30 songs and prayer. Scripture lesson from Heb. 10:1-25, remarks and appointment of a grievance committee by State Overseer. Brother Starling Smith of Williamsburg gave an address, "The Better Testament," which was good and made us feel thankful for the day in which we live. Brother G. W. Rembert gave us an inspiring talk on the subject, "In His Fullness." Adjourned at 12:00.

1:30 p. m. songs and prayer. Brother Leequie spoke on "The need of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost." Sister Hughes of Norwood, Ohio gave a very interesting talk on the subject, "Why I am a Member of the Church of God." Members of the church need to get the burden of service and prove our love for the Church and its divine head. Brother Frank Goodman of Ages, Ky. next brought a soul stirring message on the subject of "Charity." The Lord blessed wonderfully and messages and interpretations were given that benefited the occasion. 3:45 p. m. adjournment.

7:30 p. m. Services opened by prayer. Address "The Value of Obedience" by Brother Ed Johnson (colored). This was a very valuable message as many ways of being disobedient were pointed out and he pressed the thought of obedience being better than sacrifices. Brother H. M. Bates of Fariston, Ky. spoke on the "Signs of the approaching age," which was followed by an altar call with many hungry souls crying to the Lord who blessed in a mighty way.

Saturday, 9:30 a. m. Songs and prayer. Sermon by Brother J. A. Muncy, "The Questions of the day and the Question of the day." The main thought was to shun political, theological and unlearned questions and get more of Christ. To get people saved is the all important question. In this message the Lord blessed wonderfully and the effect was great as people wept for the lost world.

The remaining part of the morning service was taken up by free talks from different delegates. Many new fields were heard from and cries for help to carry the gospel were many. This was one of the best services as several messages were given and interpreted which inspired our hearts to do more and care less for the sufferings that will meet us on the way.

1:30 p. m. After the opening service, Brother R. H. Bell of Christopher, Ky. spoke on the subject, "Should Church of God Ministers Learn in Secret what to Preach in Public." Text "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." The thought pressed was that preaching is not an easy task and should not be used as a side line but made the main business and object of those who carry the glad tidings and good news of the Gospel of Christ.

The remainder of the evening was taken up in the reporting of the churches. All seemed to be in good condition and a great revival spirit seems to be sweeping the entire state. At 4:00 p. m. Adjourned.

7:30 p. m. Songs and prayer followed by a red hot testimony service. Brother G. A. Fore brought the message this time on the subject, "Loss of Spiritual Power" followed by an altar call and many came forward to enjoy the blessings of the Lord. Sunday 9:30 a. m. Sunday School assembled with a good report and large attendance, after which Brothers Starling Smith and R. H. Bell gave interesting talks on Sunday School interests. Brother G. A. Fore brought the message from the subject, "The Hope of the Church." Several hopes were spoken of but the hope was that blessed hope, "The coming of Christ to catch away His church." 12:00 adjournment.

1:30 after songs and prayer the Grievance Committee reported no grievance and answered questions which some were interested in. Brother S. A. Wilson spoke on the subject, "The Reward of the Faithful," bringing out the many rewards of those who will be faithful. 3:45 adjournment.

7:30 p. m. Songs and prayer and good offering for the State Overseer. Sermon by Brother Starling Smith, "Harvest Time" being his subject. Some closing remarks were made by Brother Fore and the power of God came down on the people who shout-

DELIGHTED WITH WORK IN OHIO

SESSER, Illinois.—We are glad to report victory thru Jesus' blood. We, like Isaiah, feel like crying, awake, awake, put on thy strength, O Zion, put on thy beautiful garment, for truly this is a day in which we need strength, great strength, that we may be able to meet every opposition and fight the good fight of faith like a brave hero and truly the best way to put on strength is in prayer. Put on the beautiful garment; no longer are we as saints of God, to appear in mourning since our sins are blotted out, but put on a new face, a smiling countenance, since a new and pleasant scene begins to open before us, for out of Zion thru perfection of beauty God hath shined. Truly we are praising God because He has permitted us to behold the beauty of the great Church of the living God.

We are glad to say God is blessing in the great state of Ohio. Husband and I entered the state June the 1st and took our leave July the 31st. I believe I can truthfully say that we enjoyed every day we spent there. The State Convention was a great success. The favor of God, the glory of the Lord and the presence of the Holy Ghost was wonderful. The Christian fellowship and unity of the Spirit were two of the greatest features throughout the convention.

Brother E. Haynes truly is an ideal overseer. He seemed to be a father to the great state. The many inspiring sermons of Brother J. S. Llewellyn and others will long be remembered. We were delighted with the work in Ohio, but it is a needy field. The Macedonian call seemed to be coming from all directions and should God call you to that state, don't hesitate to go, for I am sure you will receive a hearty welcome. We highly appreciate the ministering brethren and sisters of that state. We were royally entertained in the homes of the saints and also outside people. A more loyal, big hearted people we have never met. May God bless the state of Ohio in His service.—Mrs. Nona Dame.

COFFEYVILLE, Kans.—I am praising the dear Lord this evening for victory in my soul. He has done so much for me all along the way up to the present time. He has healed my body many times for which I am thanking Him. I love to read the Evangel. It contains so many wonderful truths.—Queen Allen.

REQUESTS

We have the program for the Assembly ready, and if anyone wishes one please send a self-addressed and stamped envelope for same and we will forward to you at once.

We have on our program for the Assembly a place for memorial service in honor of our deceased ministers. We desire that friends of such would notify us of the departure of our loved ones if you have not already done so. We think that we have a record of all who have passed to the great beyond, but lest some should be overlooked we have taken this method to make sure of getting a record of all.—F. J. Lee.

The General Secretary has sent Annual Report Blanks to the churches and has requested that they should be filled and returned not later than the 25th of September.

If any failed to get blanks please notify the General Secretary at once and he will supply you with one.

Remember that these are to be filled out in conference.

F. J. Lee.

Quite often we receive calls from new Sunday Schools asking that we furnish them with the first quarter's literature. We could only notify them that there is no fund for this purpose.

It is true that the Assembly made a ruling to the effect that all Sunday Schools pay tithes of all offerings received each Sunday, but this has been neglected until the fund has failed.

We are sure that this was a good move, and it was proving a very valuable help in getting new Sunday Schools started, but we are certainly failing in this very important work.

I would be glad that the Sunday Schools would consider this and as the Lord said to the church at Ephesus, "Repent and do your first works."

F. J. Lee.

ed danced, talked in tongues and interpreted messages as the meeting was being closed which truly shewed our God was pleased with our efforts to serve Him in spirit and in truth.

This we believe to be the best assembly the Church of God has ever had in Ky. The Lord was in the midst in mighty power from the beginning to the last. If there was a cross or a criticism during the entire assembly the writer fails to know of it and the effect of the sweet fellowship felt by one and all will be long remembered.

This is by no means the report of the way the Lord blessed but only a hint, as tongue could not tell it all. Douglas A. Miller, clerk.

HEALED AND ON THE BATTLEFIELD

I do praise the Lord for His healing power. One year ago I was given up to die. The saints where I was pastor were good to pray for me but they gave me up to go to Jesus. He raised me up and I walked in when they were praying for me. I testified that I was healed, the doctor who examined me and said I had leakage of the heart was present and saw me stand and testify to the healing. Praise the Lord.

My usual weight was 185 pounds and I had fallen off until I weighed about 150 pounds. I told God if He would heal me I would die on the battlefield and if He did not heal me I was going to preach the Gospel if I died on the field. From that minute He began to heal me and I have been busy for Him. I weigh 184 pounds now and feel stronger in body than I ever did before. I praise the Lord for His mercy to all who will trust Him. I am glad I can recommend Him to all who are sick in soul and body.

I conducted a revival for Brother Jim Ingram at Cincinnati, Ohio in May. The meeting lasted three weeks. The power began to fall the very first service. Many souls that were backslidden came back to the Lord and a number were saved, fourteen sanctified, fifteen received the Holy Ghost and several were added to the Church of God. The altar was full every night. The meeting closed with about twenty at the altar. The revival spirit is still falling.

I attended the State Convention at Middletown, Ohio and I just let the Lord saturate my soul with some of Brother Llewellyn's messages. After this convention I came home with Brother and Sister Warden of Canton, Ohio and we began a revival for him. (Brother Warden is pastor at Canton.) The Lord was surely with us every service. One woman who could not speak a word of English came, got up, made her request for prayer, went to the altar and did not stop until God baptized her with the Holy Ghost. She now testifies, talks in tongues and does like we all do. Praise God, He brings all people to the light. Four received the Holy Ghost, two were sanctified and others were revived in spirit. We closed the meeting there and are now at Magnolia, Ohio with a big tent. We are expecting God to bless here, save and baptize people, so please pray for me that God will hold me up and I may help some poor soul to find Jesus.

I would be glad to correspond with anyone who needs me in the work. I will probably spend the rest of the year in evangelistic work. Address me Clarence Beagle, 2133 Storrs St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

GOD'S LOVE MANIFESTED

SESSER, Ill.—I am glad to report victory just now. We have just closed a ten days meeting which we are praising God for. There were three saved and two sanctified. They are determined and are still seeking for the precious baptism of the Holy Ghost. There was great victory over the enemy. Messages were given in tongues and interpreted, which made us feel wonderfully in God's divine favor. There was a wonderful manifestation of God's love in the healing of a dear sister who had been deaf for more than three years. The dear Lord touched her instantly and she can hear, praise God. Others were prayed for and wonderfully blessed. I request your earnest prayers. We are praying for the progress of the great Church of God. May the riches of God's blessings rest and abide upon all, in

MULTIPLYING JOY

J. W. KINSEY

"He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love." One of the leading features of the teaching of the Bible is its living, practical character. We may see this in its methods of teaching. The types, symbols and figures are all drawn from natural things.

The banqueting house in a spiritual sense, may denote a state of elevated enjoyment. The remainder of the verse reads, "And his banner over me was love." Love is the soul of friendship. This describes high enjoyment which God is pleased to vouchsafe to His children.

We are not always banqueting. It is an occasional thing and on high occasions when distinguished persons are met or notable events are recorded. The ordinary experience of the Christian life is described in the preceding verse, "I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste." Oh! it is a life of calm satisfaction, of sacred peace, of holy joy, that is ordinary, but this is extra ordinary, here the satisfaction is triumphant and the joy is unspeakable and full of glory.

At a banquet we partake of greater delicacies than is the rule at other times, it refers to those seasons which are much above the ordinary experience of the divine life. We cannot expect the very best of God's blessings and full joy unless we keep his commandments with holy submission. It would seem good here to encourage more than we do, the habit of regularity in attendance at the house of God. This multiplying joy sometimes occurs at prayer meetings or it sometimes happens that in holding communion with God our souls are so rapt in delightful enjoyment that we forget to note time and place, the minutes unconsciously pass by. Sometimes words are even too poor to express the warm gushing affections of the heart, in silent awe we worship and adore our Lord.

Then sometimes occurs a season of holy meditation. We are lifted up from earth and seems to leave our sorrows far beneath our feet and heaven is open before us. It is Jesus bringing us into His banqueting house. At times, under the preaching of the Gospel, we feel the multiplying joy fill our hearts as we say, "I never saw that before, what precious view of truth." This joy sometimes occurs at the Lord's table. Oh how good it is to be in regular attendance at the house of God. Sometimes it is in feet washing when the overflow of gladness breaks beyond the bounds of calm worship and the soul cannot refrain from bursts of praise in its experience of thankfulness and joy.

He brought me to the banqueting house, "He brought me 'signifies a divine leader. We read in Isa. 35:2 "They shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God." The divine leader (the Holy Ghost) will guide into all truth and teach us of the excellencies of our God. Life means much more to us since God has stooped and taken part in it. He went down into His own affectionate nature and sent forth Christ His Son which made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light. Oh how direct is the joy of salvation, sweets of fellowship, luxury of love and all that makes up the riches of His grace which are but streams from the fountain of God. God is behind it all. He has given His holy Spirit to all that obey him, to enlighten, uplift, untangle, sweeten the task and mellow the day. Yea and to lead the world into higher peaks of happiness and man into a state in which will pulsate with the life of God.

NORRISTOWN, Pa.—I am glad to say that I am still saved, sanctified and the Holy Ghost abides and I am on my way to glory. I want to thank Him for the way He has blessed the Church here. On the first Sunday in July we had water baptizing and the Lord met His children at the water's edge. Four were baptized and in the afternoon we had a platform meeting which was conducted by the sisters in Norristown and from Philadelphia. God did truly use them in giving out His word and the large crowd enjoyed the Word as it came forth with power. We also observed the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet.

On the last Sunday in July the Lord blessed us at the water's edge again and three followed the Lord in baptism. God poured out His spirit on His saints and they shouted and danced under the mighty power. We had another platform meeting in the afternoon and the Lord wonderfully blessed and used the sisters in giving out the Word. We again observed the Lord's Supper and washed the saints' feet. The Lord was in our midst. I thank God for the church here, it is on fire and the saints have the victory and are on the mountain top. I ask every one to pray for us that God will keep us humble and that we shall be the people that Isaiah spoke about in Isa. 62:12.—J. W. Hamilton.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Read Carefully

I have recently received several letters asking if we believe and teach the doctrine of "Eternal Life for the Body." That is can we come to a place in our Christian experience that we can defy death and live forever? To this I want to emphatically state that we do not teach such a doctrine, neither does the Church of God.

Well why is this set forth in the Evangel if you do not at least sanction it?

Here is the reason, we cannot take time to read every article, yet the transcribers do read them, and if they are doubtful whether they are good doctrine they bring them to us for inspection. This article that has caused so much inquiry was not detected by them. They perhaps did not know that there was such an erroneous teaching as "Eternal Life for the Body" yet they know that the Bible taught eternal life. So these articles slipped in unaware. They will try to be more careful.—F. J. Lee.

The Bible School Must be a Success

THE KING'S BUSINESS REQUIRES ETH HASTE'

F. J. Lee.

I have received many letters making inquiry about the Bible School, and since the superintendent had not been appointed I could not give them much information as to the plans for the next term.

I saw that the time was rapidly approaching, that we would have to come to some definite understanding, so I wrote to each of the Twelve Elders asking their advice. The most of them suggested that the committee should go ahead and select the superintendent, but if they had not the authority, the General Overseer in the absence of the Assembly had the authority to arrange congested matters.

Acting upon their suggestion I gave the following orders to the school board:

August 20, 1927.
To the School Board.
Dear Brethren:

Since some are of the opinion that the present School Board should not proceed with the appointment of the Superintendent for the Bible School for the following term, beginning November 1st. Also a part of the committee thinks they have not the power to select the Superintendent.

Therefore the school proposition has become congested since the prospective students know not what course to pursue about making preparations.

To relieve this congestion, I upon the authority vested in me (as General Overseer) to act in the absence of the Assembly hereby authorize the present School Board to proceed with the appointment of Superintendent for the following term. This appointment to be approved or disapproved by the new Board appointed at the 22nd Annual Assembly.

F. J. Lee,
General Overseer.

I also sent blanks for them to fill in, and every one filled his blank in favor of T. S. Payne.

Brother Payne did not immediately accept the call, since he felt that it would be a great undertaking at this late hour, but he later accepted the position and is now ready to enter the work with his whole heart.

We turned all correspondence over to him. He is now ready to correspond with any one who is interested in the school. We feel that the proposition is going to take on new life and we will have a prosperous Bible school this coming term.

Please let no one delay writing to Brother Payne if you are interested. The King's business requireth haste.

THE LORD LED, WE FOLLOWED

LA FAYETTE, Ga.—I want to praise the Lord for what He has done for me. He saved, sanctified and filled me with the blessed Holy Ghost and it still abides today. I thank the Lord for the way He has blessed at La Fayette. Some time in June, just after the district meeting at Berryton, Mattie B. Rich came and held a ten days meeting. The Lord wonderfully blessed His children here and the church was greatly revived. Brother Burk preached some wonderful sermons. There were six saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and six added to the church, eight followed the Lord in water baptism.

We thank the Lord for sending Brother Burk here. He helped us get the lot and build a church. The Lord blessed him and some of the saints in getting the lot; He led and we followed. We had the lot and money to pay for same in three days. The church is now being built and we are looking forward to a time when we

WARRING THE DEVIL

ASHEVILLE, N. C.—I praise God for victory now. I am in the "land of the spires" and have been for three months. I am not alone for we have a band of true blues here who know nothing of retreat but have the go ye spirit and the Holy Ghost. That means, the harder the devil presses us the tighter we stick.

We have had some time since here. Two weeks after we arrived, the devil worked all plans he could to discourage us but every mark of discouragement he placed before us, we marked a mark of determination right over it and pressed thru seemingly impossible and stood for the right on a foundation of Bible Holiness, waving for our banner the blood stained banner of Jesus Christ. Many have seen the freedom there is in the Church of God and have said surely this is the Bible church.

After being in this place and declaring that the way of Holiness was right and expecting God to open the way for greater results and while in the first revival, we became acquainted with some Freewill Baptist folks who have been looking for the right way. When they heard the trumpet of the Gospel blowing in Zion, they gave ear to the truth and began to wade out into deeper water. They became so interested in this way until they invited me to their church. I saw that this was the door of opportunity for the Gospel to go thru so down to their place of worship we went and Jesus went with us. We went heavily loaded for the devil. We began to open fire on the enemy and he began to kick and every blow from him knocked us heavenward and jarred loose those honest hearted people. As he kicked, God sent His word as a two edged sword and my, how it cut. I was only permitted to preach four sermons. I knew my time was short so every one was to the point and when the holiness fighters arose to put down the right, God also moved and many stood for the Church of God and her teachings. About twelve or thirteen members called for their letter and came out. Thank God for His mighty power. He is calling His own sheep out and they hear His voice and follow Him. We went from there to another Holiness Mission and declared war on the devil. We have had a battle here and are still in battle. Many see the Church of God and have confessed it is right so we have been having good times in Asheville and are looking for still better times because our band is getting stronger all the time. The result of the meeting will never be known but here is a little of the fruits: ten saved, ten sanctified, six received the Holy Ghost and many more seeking. Ten were added to the church and many more looking this way.

We had all day meeting the 5th Sunday in July and had a good time while it rained and wet us on the outside, the Holy Ghost filled and made our hearts glad. The shouts of glory rang out while the tears flowed from our eyes. I am sure the heavens were made glad for we felt its power. We made a drive to raise money to buy a lot to build the church on (we are renting now) and raised \$50.00. More are expected to donate to this cause later. Many are anxious for us to get our building started and have said who would help so we expect to see a Church of God building go up at this place in the near future. Pray for us that God will help us.—Annie M. Lindsey, % Guy Lowe, R. 2.

Two New Churches in Illinois

CHRISTOPHER, Ill.—Just closed a wonderful meeting in Benton, Ill. The meeting continued for three weeks with good interest and large crowds.

Thousands of people came and heard the Gospel. This was more of a union meeting of the Church of God.

We had fine singing. Special singing was rendered by Miss Lou Warren of West Frankfort, Marie Pickett of Benton and Willie Goins of Christopher. The orchestra of the church at Christopher rendered good music. The meeting closed with great victory.

At the close of the meeting, the church at Benton which was connected with the Mt. Assembly decided to unite with the Church of God, so Aug. 11th the writer set the church in order with seventy-five members.

This surely is a fine band of people, they are folks to be proud of. Brother John Sharp the pastor is a fine man and good preacher. We are all proud of him. They also have a good church building free from debt, so we see the Church of God is going and growing, praise the Lord.

We set a nice little church in order at Buckner, Ill. It was formerly with the Church of God in Christ. It was set in order with eight members and others to follow. They have a nice building also. Let us go forward for God and His church. Yours in the battle for the lost.—J. L. Goins

can have meeting in the Church of God at La Fayette, Ga. We hope Brother Burk will preach the first sermon in it. Pray for us and that I may stay humble.—Mrs. W. E. Landers.

YE ARE A PECULIAR PEOPLE

1 Peter 2: 9

"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood and holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light." 1 Peter 2: 9. Now we notice that Peter says, "But ye are a chosen generation." Some people want to take advantage of this expression saying that just a certain percentage of the people is to be saved, but we notice that Peter addresses this epistle to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia and Bithynia. So we see that he addresses different places and different people, or in other words, a mixed people. He also says in Eph. 1:4 "According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love." Now the inference of this scripture is that we should be holy and not part to be lost without remedy or redemption, but it is to whosoever will for we read in Rev. 22:17 "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

We also read in John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." 2 Tim. 1:9 "Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began." This calling is not just to a part, but to all who will hear His voice, for in Rev. 3:20 we read, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." Not to just a few, but to any man that will hear His voice and not only hear it but heed it, and open the door of his heart and let Him in, then it is that he becomes one of the chosen generation. He also becomes one of the royal priesthood that he might show forth the praises of Him that has called us out of darkness into His marvellous light, for this is a sacrifice and also the fruits of our lips, giving thanks to His name, for to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifice God is well pleased. Heb. 13:15, 16.

Paul says in Heb. 12:14 "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." Paul was a bold holiness preacher. He did not just say follow after peace and holiness. This was not sufficient so he said that no man shall see the Lord without holiness and surely the way of redemption has been completed so it is possible thru His blood to make us holy that we can see Him some sweet day. Now it is that we become a peculiar people and have peculiar ways to the world. God's people have always been a peculiar people.

In reading the Bible, we find that there was a city which had great walls around it and the Lord wanted His people to take it. They had a leader at this time who was a great man of war and had great armies under his command and he had great faith in God. He had so much faith in God that at one time he was in a battle and commanded the sun to stand still until he could fight the battle and win the victory. Now we want to see if this great man of war and of great faith took his great army and went up and tore down the walls, or if he commanded them to fall as he did the sun to stand still, or if he got down on his knees and asked God to let them fall. No, he did not do either one, but the Lord wanted them to act in a peculiar way, such simple and peculiar ways as to take all the men of war go around the walls one time each day for six days and for the seven priests to bear before the ark seven trumpets of ram's horns, blowing them and to make a long blast on the seventh day. Then the Lord told this great man to command the people to shout with a great shout and did they fall by these peculiar actions? Yes, hallelujah to our God, they did. Now no doubt those people laughed them to scorn as they went around the walls saying, "toot, toot" with their horns, but when they shouted, praise the Lord of glory, the walls did fall.

Some say there is no good in shouting, but we notice that the good always comes just before the shout, or just after. David says in Psa. 47:5 "God is gone up with a shout." Shouting means victory. I have heard people make the expression that this getting down and saying glory is all foolishness and it is a very peculiar way to get a blessing from God, but no doubt it was more peculiar to see those men of war going around those great walls with those little ram horns, blowing them. Anyway, thru these peculiar ways the great walls lost their strength and fell and we find if any one will continue to praise the dear Lord, the Lord will come down and do just what Matt. 3:11 says, "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance but he that

cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire." Then we begin to shout and talk with tongues for the dear Lord has broken old Satan's walls down and the victory is won in a peculiar way to the world God's people are as peculiar today as they were in Jesus' day. I have known of people standing off and saying that we have such peculiar ways and act so silly until it makes them sick. I don't wonder at it, for the devil always gets sick when God's people begin to have these peculiar actions for something is going to take place right away.

When we get sick, instead of calling a doctor, we call on the dear Lord. Have we got any Bible reasons for this? Let us read Heb. 2:11 "For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren." So then after we are sanctified, as he suffered without the gates for us to be sanctified Heb. 13:12, then it is that He becomes our elder brother and is not ashamed of us. We also hear Him say in St. John 14:13-14 "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it." So since He is our elder brother and is not ashamed of us, we can ask any thing in His name and He will do it. His words are true, for heaven and earth shall pass away but my Word shall not. He also has power in heaven and earth, Matt. 28:18. And David says in Psa. 103:3 "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases." So He is our elder brother and will heal all our diseases and anything we ask in His name He will do it.

I am fully persuaded after all these good promises in the Word of God that it is a more sure and safe way to depend on than to lean on the arm of flesh. We read in Jer. 17:5 "Thus saith the Lord: Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord." James 5:13-15 "If any among you be afflicted, let him pray. Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him." James does not tell us to call for the doctor of the town, but for the elders of the church and let them pray over him. We notice the word them is plural and not singular. I am truly glad we have been called out of darkness into His marvellous light that we might see and understand and have the opportunity to praise His holy name and to show forth His praises until He comes back to catch us His peculiar people.—Earl Paulk, Hartwell, Ga., Route 5.

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We have just closed a meeting, which began July 2nd and lasted until Monday night July 25th, with great success. The first week of the meeting was conducted by Brother Roy Delaney. There were two saved and several at the altar every night. Brother H. M. Bates visited us a few nights and six came into the church while he was here, then Brother W. S. Ross, evangelist, came and had the rest of the meeting in charge with great success. Two more were saved, six sanctified, five received the Holy Ghost and six were healed.

Sunday the 24th, we had Home Coming Day and several saints from different places were there. Brother Ross surely gave the Word of God out in power. The saints were greatly revived and sinners broke down under conviction and wept. Brother Ross' text was "I'll go and if I perish I perish." We had dinner on the ground. There was a large congregation and every one seemed to enjoy themselves eating the good food that was spread. After dinner was over we went down to the water where ten followed the Lord in water baptism. Brother W. S. Ross and Brother Paul Ross, our pastor, did the baptizing. Sunday night we observed the Lord's Supper and feet washing. The Lord wonderfully poured out His power on the dear saints of God.

On Monday night, the last night of the meeting, Brother Ross gave us some wonderful teaching on the Church and seven more came forward for membership. I'm glad the "speckled bird" is spreading her wings for a journey and I know if I stand true to her teachings, I'll be joyfully carried to meet my Lord on her wings. We find the speckled bird spoken of in Jer. 12:9.

Pray for the church at this place that she will continue to grow and prosper also pray for me that I will always abide in the will of the Lord.—Fannie Scott.

A CHILD OF GOD

WEATHERFORD, Texas.—Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ I have never written to the dear paper though many times I thought I would, and really promised God I would.

I feel the pentecostal fire in my soul. He has been in our home now for five years and in his healer. My seven year old boy stuck a nail in his foot and we held on to the Lord with prayer, and knowing He would deliver. It was wonderful when we felt His touch. Thank God, the work was done. Oh! how my heart longs to stand true and be in the rapture.

I just received news from my husband and daughter, they were in an awful wreck. Even sinners said if the Lord had not been in it they would have been killed, but they just received a few bruises and cuts. Loved ones pray that my family may ever be in God's will. I never could talk much and say just what I wanted to, but God knows my heart. I mean by His help and grace to be humble at His feet and

GOD'S OFFER OF FREE SALVATION

I truly thank God for full and free salvation. I thank Him for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the Holy Ghost, most of all for the Holy Ghost. The third person in the God-Head. I also thank Him because I am living in the dispensation when salvation and the Holy Ghost are free to all who will accept Him. As we find in Rev. 3rd chapter, 7th verse the following. And to the Angel of the Church in Philadelphia write: These things saith he that is Holy, he that is true, he that has the key of David, he that openeth and no man shutteth: And shutteth and no man openeth. This is a time when the door is open and no man can shut it. Glory be to God.

We also find in Isaiah 55th chapter, 1st verse, Ho, every one that thirsteth come ye to the waters, and he that hath money; come ye and buy and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Rev. 22nd chapter, 17th verse. And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. Jesus spake this for this dispensation, the Philadelphian period only, which is an open door, and free salvation to every one who will believe.

All who will accept salvation now will be kept from that trying time, the great tribulation sometimes known as Jacob's trouble according to Rev. 3rd chapter, 10th verse. Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. We shall go up in the rapture to the marriage supper of the Lamb and escape all those trying times which are coming to all who dwell on this earth. Those who neglect to get salvation now will go out in the Laodiceans period of the church, and then salvation will not be free as it is now.

We find in Matthew 25th chapter, 12th verse. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. The foolish virgins, the ones who failed to receive the Holy Ghost or get oil in their vessels had to go by the oil, when before it was free.

If we fail to get oil in our vessels now we will have to pay the price of our life to be saved. Oh! I do thank Him because I feel there will be a few who will go through and stand true at the price of their life. So it behoves every one who has salvation to hold fast to what we have. In Rev. 3rd chapter, 11th verse. Behold, I come quickly: hold fast that which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

Let us all strive to be ready when Jesus comes and have oil in our vessels and our lamps burning brightly. I covet your prayers that I will be among the number which is ready and waiting to go when Jesus comes. —Mrs. C. C. Johnston.

Let Us Work Hard For the Lord

FULTON, Ky.—I thank God for the dear old Evangel, because it brings joy and sunshine to my soul. When I see the dear testimonies the precious saints are sending in, I always get a blessing, when I read how our Lord is blessing those who follow on to know Him. It fills my soul with joy unspeakable to realize that He is getting His church ready for His soon coming.

If there ever was a time that we needed to point the lost sheep to the one fold it is now. Just tonight the clouds looked as peculiar, the lights flashed forth from the skies, and, I shuddered to think if Jesus should come, what would the results be? So, many have put off salvation, and again I thought of those who profess to know Him only a few could meet Him in perfect peace. Some of us are idling away too much of our time, we fail to go where the still small voice of God leads.

We bury our talents, we hope to use them some more convenient time. And, oftentimes we wander in strange paths all because we do not give up all for Jesus, and lose our life to find it again thru our eternity. There are some, thanks be to God who are really bringing forth the hundred-fold-talent's fruit. And like Zacharias they walk in all the commandments and ordinances of God blameless. These are they who are willing to follow the Lamb wherever He leads, and love not their lives unto death. These will be they who compose the spotless bridge of Christ, which is the great Church of God. Praised ever be to our King who lives on and on forevermore. My whole hearts determination, tonight is to ever obey Him more and more. I feel very unworthy of His great love, for I have failed to go just where He called me to but, I am asking the dear ones scattered abroad to help me pray that God may lead us all on to higher planes of true holiness, and, at last to find we have measured to the fullness of the stature of Jesus, also pray for the Church of God near Tracy, Tenn. Brother P. F. Graves is

OBITUARIES

ALDRIDGE

On June 6, 1927 the death angel reached down and caught away little sixteen months old Jesse Nadine Aldridge, baby girl of Brother and Sister Jesse Aldridge of Tampa, Fla.

She was at play in the back yard with her eleven year old brother and four year old sister. While mother was busy at work the children pumped a tub of water and let her fall in it. Mother and father carried her to Wimauma where camp meeting was in progress. God's children did all that loving hands could do and one united prayer of God's children went up to the throne of grace, but God needed her to make heaven more attractive.

The funeral service was preached by our dear pastor, John C. Padgett, whom God wonderfully blessed while preaching. Singing and prayer was led by Brother John L. Stephens who seemed so near to me in my hours of trial and spoke such comforting words to encourage us on. Memorial services were held for her first Sunday after camp meeting by her Sunday School teacher, Sister Rosa B. Murphy.

While our hearts are sad, we do not sorrow for her as with no hope, for we know she had an abundant entrance in. I miss my baby so badly, I often wonder what mission God had for her to do. Her little body was laid away in Providence Cemetery to await the trumpet sound when those who died in Christ shall rise first. It surely was a sad parting but what a glorious meeting when we meet and know as we are known. One who loved her little body of clay and loves her memory still.—Her mother.

MCALL

On April 3, 1927 the death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister T. C. McCall of Highlands, N. C. and took away little Annie, their oldest daughter, age thirteen years, eight months and three days. Little Annie had been afflicted most all her life and at times couldn't walk, but she was a sweet child and loved by all who knew her. We weep not as those who have no hope for we believe little Annie is safe in the arms of Jesus where suffering and pain cannot reach her. She was buried by her uncle in the family grave yard.

All is dark within the dwelling, Lonely are our hearts today: For the one we loved so dearly, Has forever passed away.

Yet again we hope to meet thee, When the day of life is fled; And in heaven with joy to greet thee, Where no farewell tears are shed.— One who loved her, Mrs. Florence Pace.

BOYETT

On July 25, 1927 the Lord called our dear loving father, Willard Boyett, away. He had been a member of the Church of God for nine years, always ready to help in every way possible. He was accidentally killed by a gun. He and his grandson had gone fishing. He laid the gun down in the car and was trying to fasten the door when the gun fired and killed him. He told us just a few days before that he was ready to go, he testified on Sunday before that he was ready to go. This gives us great comfort. He was seventy-four years of age when he left us.

He leaves to mourn his death three sons, four daughters, two sisters and a host of friends. He is gone but not forgotten.

Sleep on dear father and take your rest. We hope to meet you where sad partings will be no more.—His daughter, Emma Meeks.

NICHOLAS

Cloves Chaffer Nicholas, son of Brother Otto and Sister Emma Nicholas of Mud Fork, W. Va., was born Nov. 1, 1917 and departed this life July 26, 1927 at the age of nine years, nine months and twenty-six days. He leaves father and mother, one sister and one brother, grandparents and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn his death. He was a good child and loved to go to church and Sunday School. His death was caused by a car accident. He just lived four minutes after he was knocked down and dragged some distance, but never spoke any more.

He has gone to be with Jesus and left us oh, so lonely, but we will meet you little Cloves in a bright and better home and now we remember how Jesus said, "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbids them not, for of such is the kingdom of God." Funeral service was conducted by Rev. E. O. Sells and wife of Logan, W. Va.

pastor and, God is really blessing. We expect to have our district meeting the eighteenth and nineteenth of June. Trusting the Lord to send the State Overseer to us at some early date. So pray for God to lead us on and bless the efforts put forth for the uplift of His kingdom in Him.—Louise Evans.

We will miss you from our home darling,
We will miss you from our place,
We will miss your kind and willing hands,
We will miss the sunshine of thy face.

This lovely bud so young and fair,
Death came with mighty power,
This lovely bud to Heaven conveyed,
And bade it blossom there.

RAMPY

The death angel visited the home of T. L. Rampy and called his dear wife, Mrs. Lucy Rampy, home on July 30, 1927. She was born May 14, 1886 in Randolph Co., Ala. being forty-one years, two months and sixteen days of age when she departed this life.

Sister Rampy was a loving mother and a devoted wife. She bore all of her sickness with patience. She belonged to the Church of God and trusted God with her healing. She left a testimony that she was ready to go. She carried a happy smile for everyone, though in bad health. God touched her body many times.

She leaves to mourn her absence a husband and five children. Funeral services were conducted by Brother G. E. Anthony and her body laid to rest in the Slaton Cemetery to await the resurrection when we will meet mother to part no more.—Mrs. Walter Rampy.

HARRISON

On May 5th our dear Brother J. W. Harrison went home to rest. He bore his suffering with patience. He received the Holy Ghost about six years ago, was a faithful member of the great Church of God. His last words were that he was going to rest. He told us not to grieve but to shout for we would find him just inside the pearly gates. The evening before he died, he shouted and danced all over the room.

He leaves to mourn his loss a dear wife and a number of relatives and friends. We miss his dear shining face every time we step inside the church, but our loss is Heaven's gain. He was laid to rest in the Weatherford Cemetery to await the resurrection.—One who loved him.

A precious one from us is gone,
A voice we loved is still,
A place is vacant in our home and church,
That never can be filled.

God in His wisdom has recalled
The book of His love given,
Though the body slumbers here,
The soul is safe in heaven.

HAZELWOOD

On June 13, 1927 the death angel visited the home of Brother W. D. Hazelwood of near Talbotts, Tenn. and claimed for its victim his wife, Cintha, Hazelwood at the age of seventy-two years, ten months and two days. She leaves to mourn her loss a husband, three children and a host of relatives and friends. She was a true Christian, always abounding in the faith. She truly will be missed.

She was converted at the early age of fifteen years and joined the Baptist Church and lived there, walking in all the light she had until she heard Brother W. F. Bryant preach on a holy life. She sought and received the blessing, being filled with the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4. She was added to the Church of God at Cedar Hill in the year 1910. She walked in the light and trusted the Lord all the way thru her sickness and never wavered. She fell asleep in Jesus to suffer no more and was laid to rest in the Pleasant View Cemetery to await the resurrection morn. Her funeral was conducted by Brother A. J. Hopkins assisted by Brother Charles Williams of Morristown, Tenn.

Another mother of Israel has been called home to rest in the presence of our Saviour. We miss her but expect to meet her again some day.—A sister in Christ and one who truly loved her, Mrs. A. J. Hopkins.

PEELER

On Monday morning Aug. 1, 1927 the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Livie Peeler and took away their only little darling baby, Royce Peeler three years old. He was the only jewel they had in their home but God saw fit to take him to live with Him in Heaven so we will submit ourselves to God's will.

The funeral was conducted Tuesday afternoon at the Church of God at Blacksburg, S. C. of which Sister Peeler is a faithful member, and was conducted by Brother J. C. Childers of Lando, S. C. and our pastor, Brother J. R. White. Little Royce's body was laid to rest in the Mountain View Cemetery where he will stay until Jesus comes and calls for him to come forth.—J. R. Mullion, box 292, Blacksburg, S. C.

ELY

On July 8, 1927 the death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister George Ely and claimed for its victim their precious daughter Myra, age fifteen years and twenty days. She was a precious child, a loving sister and a loyal member of the Church of God. She was loved by all who knew her.

Oh, we miss her so much. We all loved her so well, we don't understand why God in His wisdom called

her from us, but we will understand it better by and by. Her funeral was conducted by Rev. S. J. Wood.—Written by her pastor.

A precious one from us is gone,
A voice we loved is still;
A place is vacant in the home,
Which never can be filled.—May Davis.

LOCKER

In memory of our dear little LeRoy Locker who departed this life one year ago on August 21, 1926 at the age of two years, four months and four days.

One year has passed,
Our hearts are still sore;
As time goes on,
We miss you more.

We miss your baby foot steps,
We miss you every where;
Home is not what it used to be,
Since our baby is not here.

Sadly missed by his parents, brother and sisters.

HUFF

On Sunday evening July 17, 1927 the dear Lord called our dear Sister Robbie Huff home to rest. Sister Huff was saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and was a member of the Church of God. She was ill about forty-eight days and during that time she said she was ready to go and wanted the Lord to take her. She told her husband just before she died that she could see angels. Sister Huff was loved by all who knew her and will be greatly missed.

She leaves to mourn her death a husband, two sons, five daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Funeral service was conducted by Brother Bill Johnson and her body laid to rest.

Sleep on dear sister
In that sweet peace,
For the trials of this life
We know have ceased.

Sleep on Sister Huff
And take thy rest.
We loved you dearly,
But God loves you best.

'Tis sad to know you are gone
And we can't see your face,
But Jesus has prepared
For you a better place.—Two who loved her dearly, Donie Hensley and Lillie Evert, Step Rock, Ark.

TAYLOR

With a heart full of sympathy I write of the death of little Alma Eunice Taylor, baby of Brother Hibert Taylor. She was born February 13th and only lived to be sixteen months of age. She was a bright and sweet child and dearly loved, but God loved her best. Although they prepared everything to make home happy for her, the dear Lord has a far better home than anyone can afford. We want all the saints to pray that her mother will get hungry and thirsty after righteousness and be ready to go home to Heaven to meet little Eunice some day. She was once happy and free but the enemy hindered her in some way and she lost her joy.

Eunice leaves a father, mother, two brothers and three sisters to mourn her death. Brother A. L. Crisp conducted the funeral on June 24th and the little body was laid to rest in the cemetery of the Church of God at Washington.

May father, mother, sisters and brothers

All be determined to meet her

On that happy shore

Where we will never part no more.—

One who loves the family and desires to see them all happy with Jesus, Mrs. T. L. Little.

I visited a home in the South land,
Where blessings had crowned the day;

Health and beauty and perfect delight,

Had driven all the shadows away;

The leaf, the stalk, the bud of youth,

Had crowned the pathway of life,

There was no sign of a blasted rose,

Not a thought of the gardener's knife.

But a cloud one day slowly gathered,

A token of sadness and grief.

Soon the silver cord was broken in twain,

And there lay a small faded leaf;

And a little later, He with His sickle,

Had clipped another small thread,

And now there is two that are sleeping,

In the valley with the slumbering dead.

This was not enough for heaven's wreath,

God needed another sweet flower,

And the Angel came like a flash of light,

Sadness was the scene of the hour;

Sorrow now is lingering in this home,

It hangs over like a pallid knight,

Tears have been flowing like dew drops,

Before the Sun of morning light.

The Master has a garden on the other side,

By the sparkling river of life.

Where flower's bloom, in sweet perfume,

There cometh no sorrow and strife;

Lift up your eyes to the hill of the

Lord.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO ASSEMBLY DELEGATES

To those who are expecting to attend the Assembly: Please drop me a card giving your name, how many men, women and children will be in your party. If you have already engaged rooms, please give name of party, street and number so we will not get it confused with those who may come and be without tickets, as we give tickets and do not want to give someone a ticket for a room that has already been engaged.

We have had some confusion in previous years, people engaging their rooms, going from the train to their places and we hold the tickets, giving them out to others thus causing confusion. Your card will be attached to your ticket and we will hold it for you.—S. W. Latimer, Chairman of Entertainment